

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 88**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Lieu**

December 13, 2006

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An act to add Chapter 5.8 (commencing with Section 51950) to Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 88, as introduced, Lieu. Pupil instruction: Internet safety curriculum guidelines.

Existing law prescribes various matters to be included in the adopted course of study at the appropriate elementary and secondary grade levels.

This bill would require the State Department of Education to develop and maintain Internet safety curriculum guidelines for use by local educational agencies. The bill would require the guidelines to include, but not be limited to, specified subjects. The bill would also require the department to distribute the guidelines to local educational agencies, upon approval of the guidelines by the State Board of Education. The bill would authorize a local educational agency to incorporate the guidelines into the agency's existing curricula.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 5.8 (commencing with Section 51950) is added to Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, to read:

CHAPTER 5.8. ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
INTERNET SAFETY CURRICULUM

51950. (a) The department shall develop and maintain Internet safety curriculum guidelines for use by local educational agencies.

(b) The Internet safety curriculum guidelines shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) The importance of avoiding reckless conduct while visiting a social networking Web site or Internet chat room.

(2) The importance of maintaining personal information and photographs private when interacting with strangers on the Internet.

(3) The importance of anonymity and avoiding in-person meetings.

(4) The role of computer spyware in identity theft and financial fraud.

(5) The use and basic operation of spyware countermeasures, including anti-virus and anti-spyware software and hardware and software firewalls.

(c) Upon approval of the guidelines by the State Board, the department shall distribute the guidelines to local educational agencies. A local educational agency may incorporate the guidelines into the existing curricula of the agency.